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Welcome to the Planner's Update, an electronic newsletter from The Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services. We send this newsletter monthly to share helpful information related to planning in Washington State.

Please feel free to send us any comments or ideas for how to make this newsletter more useful. You can also use the link below to provide additional names of planners who might like to subscribe. Please also consider sharing this newsletter with planning commissioners.

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1. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS: OUR TOWN GRANTS

National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town" grants are available for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Projects may include use of design to enhance/revitalize public spaces, planning for creative/cultural sector growth, or the commissioning or installation of new art to improve public spaces. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$250,000 with 50 percent match requirement. Submit Statement of Interest through grants.gov before March 1, 2011.

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2. UPDATED AIRPORT LAND-USE PLANNING GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Airports, local jurisdictions and decision-makers now have access to an updated resource to aid in land-use-compatibility planning near airports. The updated Airport and Compatible Land-Use Program Guidebook is available at:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Planning/LandUseGuidebookUpdate.htm

The updated guidebook does not change land-use requirements for towns, cities and counties. Instead, it incorporates new, interactive tools and resources for navigating through the sometimes challenging airport land-use-planning process.

The guidebook includes new features such as:

- Graphics and visual aids to communicate land-use practices.
- A user-friendly six-step planning process to encourage informed decision-making.
- Checklists, worksheets and a tool kit to assist in compatibility planning.

Effective and proactive land-use planning is critical for protecting airports and communities against incompatible development. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation program provides technical assistance to airports and local decision-makers to encourage informed and practical land-use-compatibility choices.

For more information, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation.

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3. REMINDER TO “ALLOW” ELECTRIC VEHICLES BY JULY 1, 2011

All cities and counties in Washington State planning under the GMA or other statutes, are required to allow electric vehicle battery charging stations by July 1, 2011. See a brief introduction and example adopted ordinances at [“Planning for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure”](#), and link to the 2010 model ordinance at [Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: A Guide for Local Governments in Washington State](#). This is especially important for communities along I-5 and Highway 2 [West Coast Green Highways](#) where ARRA-funded electric vehicle charger installations are planned in 2011. Contact: Anne.Fritzel@commerce.wa.gov or call 360.725.3064.

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